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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

Serial Nos. Frie only

Part B for January 1943.

SUBJECT.

(Records of Civilian War Dead.
Imperial War Graves Commission)

Records of Civilians dead in war.

J. M. Kinsham.
27.1.43.

Records of Civilian War Dead
Imperial War Graves Commission

General and Revenue Secretariat

W File No. 154 of 1942-3. [App. F. III—2

Serial No.	
1	From The Secy to the Hon'ble the Resident F. 11542/W dated 24th Oct. 42 requesting that Govt to obtain information similar to that prescribed in Br India in respect of Civilian Indian Nationals who die of war injuries with in State Territory and also in regard Civilian Indian Nationals who die of war injuries outside India. The Secy have asked for lists in triplicate with the required particulars of Civilians who have died on the last day of each quarter commencing on 31st Dec. 42 for transmission to the C.D. Dept and that in cases where there is no information to be sent a nil return may be sent. If approved a copy of this letter will be sent to the DCs for information and guidance. At present only a nil return will be received from the DCs even if information is called for. Re. Para 7. Civilian Indian Nationals who die of war injuries outside India the Secy have stated that in Br India immediate steps are being taken to publicise the scheme and to ask the public to send in the information as suggested in Para 7 and requested to take action on similar lines. It is for consideration

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whether publicity may be given in the form of a Press Note and the Note circulated by the Dcs in the Dts also.

Subd for perusal and orders as to the action to be taken in the matter.

(RS 30/9/ 5C.)

The D. of Agriculture & the D. of L. & L. might be consulted as regards the exercise of the powers to be conferred, then application may be received, collected & transmitted the information etc.

As regards Civil Service Nationals, the D. of P. might give publicity & collect the information. A Press note may also issue

Sd
30/10/20

Minutes

The Secy. to Govt. of Agra & the Ccs
Kindly request Govt. servants to furnish the information.
Wide publicity may be given in case of doubt
Vchrs.

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31/10/20

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9/11

Subd with a draft for consideration

Sd

Secy 2098-2108/20 & Gibson. A2

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Records of Civilian War Dead - Imperial War Graves Commission

From The C.C. M.S.T.
Sl. 3. Letr no 3486 - P.C. 766/42 d 24th Nov. 42
re: Asking that his office is not in receipt of any particulars re: Civilian War Dead either ex-India or in India.

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Subd for perusal. The replies from H/Sl and D Hs will be awaited. It is for consideration whether a suggestion by the C.C. a Pres Nbh may issue re: Para 7. of the Resn letr d 24th Octr. 42.

A draft note may be issued

Chief Sec

Law J.

Is this necessary? Will it not suffice?

Kind regds of minister to

The draft note issued in reduction. Such copies are merely to be issued on these lines

Chief Sec

Law J.

This may be issued

Sec to P.O for necessary action

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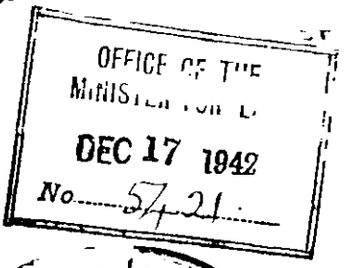

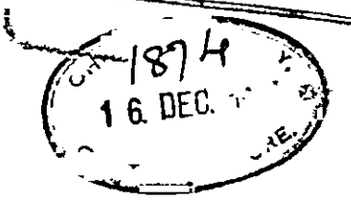

D.H. Press Note (Folio) is for kind attention.

JHP
5/12/42

for issue before issue
Asst. Secy. (War Sec.) 14/12

marked draft
Chief Secy
Law Dept

17/12

Note issued and the file returned to War Secn.

JHP
21/12/42.

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Records of Civilian War Dead.
Imperial War Graves Commission

From The Sec C Kaiser.
Sh. 4. CDF 24/42 & 31st Dec. 42 forcing nil Statement.

Kind reply is in reference to Para 6 of Sec Rosy letter wherein our Nil Statements are required if there is no information to be sent. A nil statement may

RS 4/1 Sec

be sent. Sec 4/1

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Sec 2/5 Sec 5/12

Furbd with a draft to Sec Rosy. The Nil Statements from the Sec to HQ has not been received. If return is likely to be rendered to the DHs, since it relates to persons who have died during the present war from war injuries.

RS 5/1 Sec

Sh. 5 Accom Pd. 136 4 & 5 Jan. 43 to Sec Rosy

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The reply to this communication should be addressed to the Secretary to the Resident in Mysore, Bangalore, by designation and not by name.

No. F. 115. 42/W (Genl 2) 1341/W

FROM

THE SECRETARY TO THE HON'BLE THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE

To

The Chief Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Bangalore.

CHIEF SY. 28 OCT. 1941 GOVT OF M. 30 S

Dated Bangalore, the 24th October 1941.

Records of Civilian War Dead
Imperial War Graves Commission.

SIR,

The Government of India state that the Imperial War Graves Commission, in a Supplemental Charter of the 7th February 1941, has been charged with the duty of compiling records of the Civilian War Dead in the present War. The Commission makes it clear that its object is to commemorate the sacrifices made by all classes of Indians in the same form as those of their British Comrades. Its duty extends to compiling records for every civilian subject of His Majesty, every subject under His Majesty's protection and suzerainty, and every national of any territory mandated to His Majesty, who has died or may die during the present war from war injuries, wheresoever sustained.

2. The Commission therefore is concerned as regards the population of India with all classes of civilian British, British Indian and Indian Nationals, whether residing in British India or in Indian States, and also with British Indians and Indians residing in countries outside India. There may, in addition, be a few cases of civilians, other than Indians, of the second and third categories mentioned above who may die of war injuries in India.

3. In order to implement this scheme it will be necessary to obtain lists (a) of civilians dying from war injuries in territories under the control of the Government of India and (b) of civilian Indian Nationals so dying elsewhere, so far as the information may be available. With regard to (a) above it has been decided that for British India these records should be arranged according to Provinces sub-classified into divisions, districts, sub-divisions, towns and villages showing the civilians who die in any particular place irrespective of their place of domicile.

4. It has further been decided that in regard to each British Indian or Indian National the following particulars should be recorded:-
(1) Name; (2) Permanent home address; (3) Religion and caste or sect; (4) Degrees, Honours and Decorations; (5) Service, Service Number, Rank or Appointment (only in cases of members of the Civil Defence Services); (6) Sex; (7) Age; (8) Son or Daughter, and Husband or Wife of (name and address), family details being added if desired; (9) Nationality; (10) Date and place of death; (11) Date of incident causing death; (12) Place of incident causing death; (13) Place of burial or cremation; (14) Other details (if desired).

5. In obtaining these details and compiling the lists

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the Government of India hope that the necessary organization for recording and reporting particulars of casualties will already be in existence. In this connection, they invite attention to Civil Defence Department Circular No.301/42, dated the 1st August 1942, on the subject of Civil Defence Information Offices (copy forwarded under Civil Defence Department endorsement No.1866-A.R.P.(Poll)/42 dated the 13th August 1942). It will probably be found convenient, in addition, to utilize the machinery of the War Injuries Ordinance for ascertaining cases which may come to light subsequently.

6. I am to request that, if there is no objection, the Government of Mysore will be so good as to obtain information similar to that prescribed for British India in paragraphs 3 and 4 above in respect of all persons of the categories set out in paragraph 1 of this letter who have died or who may die within State territory. Lists (in triplicate) with the required particulars of civilians who have died and in respect of whom full particulars have been collected or in respect of whom enquiries indicate no further particulars are likely to be forthcoming may kindly be forwarded to this Residency on the last day of each quarter commencing on the 31st December 1942 for transmission to the Civil Defence Department. In cases where there is no information to be sent a nil return may kindly be sent. It will be realised that there is no particular hurry about including names in these lists as final compilation will not be possible until after the war and that it is desirable that lists should only contain the names of those concerning whom finality in the recording of particulars has been reached.

7. As regards Civilian Indian Nationals who die of war injuries outside India, the Government of India wish that all possible steps may kindly be taken to make it known to the public that it is desired to commemorate their names and that anybody who is aware of any British Indian or Indian Civilian National who is definitely known to have been killed or to have died of war injuries outside territories under the control of the Government of India or outside Indian State territory should get in touch with the State authorities with a view to the necessary information being recorded and sent to the Imperial War Graves Commission through the Civil Defence Department. In this regard the Imperial War Graves Commission believe that considerable information is held in India as to the Indian Nationals who died of war injuries in Burma and they would be particularly grateful for any information of this nature which can be collected.

8. I am to enclose for information a form similar to that sent by the Commission to relatives of those who have been killed in the United Kingdom and a copy of the covering letter sent with it. The Government of India observe that in many cases it may not be possible in India to collect information by similar means and personal enquiries will have to be made. The Government of Mysore will no doubt consider the most suitable agencies for conducting enquiries which it is realised will necessarily vary according to the locality. In cases where it is felt that resentment might be caused if enquiries were made by the police the agencies which suggest themselves are the revenue and general administration staff, local self-governing bodies and non-official organizations.

9. In British India immediate steps are being taken to publicise the scheme and to ask the public to send in the information as suggested in paragraph 7 above and the Hon'ble the Resident would be glad if action could be taken in the Mysore State on similar lines.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

SECRETARY TO THE RESIDENT.

Copy of letter from Vice Chairman, Imperial War Graves Commission.

As you may know, the Imperial War Graves Commission, established during the last war, was originally concerned with the commemoration of members of His Majesty's Forces who then gave their lives, the greater number fell in foreign lands. For more than twenty years it has helped to keep their names a living memory. The Commission is responsible for the same sacred duty to the dead of the Fighting Services to-day; and now that war takes its toll of the non-combatant population as well, it has been given a new duty - that of collecting the names of all civilians who become victims of enemy attack, so that their memory also may be preserved for all time.

The Commission will need your help if these civlian names are to be recorded, side by side with those of the Fighting Services, without exception or mistake. I therefore send you a form on which certain particulars relating to the loss you have yourself sustained have already been filled in. You can help us by correcting these particulars, if necessary, by adding others in the spaces provided, and by then returning the form to us.

The Commission believes that this way of national remembrance will have your approval; for it will help to ensure that the example of this generation, and the self-sacrifice of so many in the present struggle will not be forgotten by their fellow countrymen, and that the names of our dead will be held in reverence by generations to come.

As the Commission may wish to write to you further on this subject, may I ask you to let me know from time to time, of any change in your address? and, in doing so, will you kindly mention the full name of the civilian to whom this letter refers?

IMPERIAL WAR GRAVES COMMISSION CIVILIAN WAR DEAD.

This form should be filled up and returned as early as possible in the envelope enclosed for the purpose.

PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY.

1. Surname ----------
2. Christian Names ----------
3. Religion and Caste ~~or sect~~ ----------
4. Permanent home Address ----------

To be completed only in cases of members of civil Defence services.

5. Degrees, Honours & Decorations ----------
6. Service ----------
7. Service Number. ----------
8. Rank or Appointment ----------
9. Sex ---------- 10. Age ----------

Give family details (if desired)

11. Son) of ----------
Daughter) and ----------
of (give address) ----------
Husband) of ----------
Wife) of (give address) ----------

12. Nationality ----------
13. (a) Date and place of death ----------
(b) Date of incident causing death ----------
(c) Place of incident causing death ----------
14. Place of burial or cremation ----------
15. Other details (if desired) ----------

Signature (Mr., Mrs., or Miss) ----------
Relationship ----------
Address ----------

Please write clearly.

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Section War

File No. 154-42

Serial No. 2.

No. 2098-108/W (Endt Four) dt 12th Nov, 1942

To The Dy. C.C. M&T & AC's of Ds

Records of Civilian War Dead
Imperial War Graves Commission

Sir,

I am directed to enclose herein for information a copy of Resy letter no F. 115-42/W dt 24th Oct. 42 with its enclosure on the above subject and to request you kindly to furnish the particulars required for transmission to the Residency. The proposed recognition of Indian nationals may also be given wide publicity as desired in the Resy letter under reply.

I have
the honour
to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant

for Chief Secretary to Govt

WD 086—GPB—40,000—30-7-40

GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

No. 2098-108/W (Enclosure) **General and Revenue Secretariat,**

Dated Bangalore, ...12th...November.....1943..

FROM

The Chief Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

To

The Inspector General of Police in Mysore,
" Chief Commandant, Mysore State Troops,
" Deputy Commissioners of Districts.

SUBJECT Imperial War Graves Commission.

SIR,

I am directed to enclose herein for information a copy of Residency letter No.F.115-42/W dated 24th October 1942 with its enclosure on the above subject and to request you kindly to furnish particulars required for transmission to the Residency. The proposal regarding Civilian Indian Nationals may also be given wide publicity as desired. (Vide para 7 of the Residency letter). 10

I have the Honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Sd/- Chief secretary to Government

C.N.12.

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GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

Tele gram / phone

No. 3486- P.C. 766/42
Encls.

OFFICE OF
the Chief Commandant,
Mysore State Troops,
Bangalore,
Date 24th November 1942.

To

The Chief Secretary
to the Government of Mysore,
BANGALORE.

War

RECORDS OF CIVILIAN WAR DEAD-
IMPERIAL WAR GRAVES COMMISSION.

With reference to your letter No.2098-2108/W, dated 12-11-42, forwarding a copy of Residency letter No.F.115-42/W dated 24th Oct.4 on the subject referred to above, I have the honor to state that thi office is not in receipt of any particulars re. Civilian War Dead either ex-India or in India.

Re. the proposal to give wide publicity about civilian Indian Nationals (vide Para 7 of the Residency letter), I suggest that arrangements may please be made by the Publicity Officer to give wide publicity as required in the Residency letter.

I have the honour to be,

S i r,

Your most obedient servant,

Col.,
Chief Commandant,
Mysore State Troops.

The Hindu (Madras) dt 15-11-42

Press Note -

To Preserve Names of Civilian Casualties

Records of Civilian Casualties

~~MADRAS, Nov. 14.~~

~~A PRESS Note issued today by the Madras Government states:~~

The Imperial War Graves Commission, established during the last war, was originally concerned with the commemoration of the names of members of His Majesty's Forces, who gave their lives for the Empire, and, of whom the greater number fell in foreign lands. For more than 20 years it has helped to keep their names a living memory. The Commission is responsible for the same sacred duty to the dead of the Fighting Services today; and now that war takes its toll of the non-combatant population as well, it has undertaken a new duty —that of collecting the names of all civilians who are victims of enemy attack, so that the memory of their names also may be preserved for all time.

The help of every citizen in ~~British~~ Provinces is needed if civilian names are to be recorded side by side with those of the Fighting Services without exception or mistake. Government earnestly desire that any one who is aware of the death of any ~~British~~ Indian or Indian national through enemy action outside ~~the territories under the control of the Government of India~~, should get into touch with the revenue authorities of the district and supply information to be sent to the Imperial War Graves Commission through the Government of India, Civil Defence Department.

The form showing the particulars on which information is required in respect of those who have lost their lives will be supplied on application to the ~~Collector~~ of the District.

Mysore State

Mysore Subject ~~Indian State~~ Mysore State

Deputy Commissioner

Pub. Officer to Govt.

For kind perusal before issue.
BP
18/12.
18/12/42

Office of the Publicity Officer
to the Government of Mysore,
Public Offices,
Bangalore, Dated, 18th December 1942.

PRESS NOTE.

Records of Civilian Casualties.

The Imperial War Graves Commission, established during the last war, was originally concerned with the commemoration of the names of members of His Majesty's Forces, who gave their lives for the Empire, and of whom the greater number fell in foreign lands. For more than 20 years it has helped to keep their names a living memory. The Commission is responsible for the same sacred duty to the dead of the Fighting Services to-day; and now that war takes its toll of the non-combatant population as well, it has undertaken a new duty--that of collecting the names of all civilians who are victims of enemy attack, so that the memory of their names also may be preserved for all time.

The help of every citizen in Mysore State is needed if civilian names are to be recorded side by side with those of the Fighting Services without exception or mistake. Government earnestly desire that any one who is aware of the death of any Mysore subject through enemy action outside Mysore State, should get into touch with the revenue authorities of the district and supply information to be sent to the Imperial War Graves Commission, through the Government of India, Civil Defence Department.

The form showing the particulars on which information is required in respect of those who have lost their lives will be supplied on application to the Deputy Commissioner of the District.

M. S. SWAMINATHAN,
Publicity Officer
to Government.

No.C.D.F.24/42.
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Office of the Deputy Commissioner,
Kadur District,

Dated Chikmagalur the 31st December 42

From
The Deputy Commissioner,
Kadur District, Chikmagalur

To
The Chief Secretary to the
Government of Mysore,
Bangalore.

Sir,

Records of Civilian War Dead;
Imperial War Graves Commission

Adverting to your letter No.2098-108/W dx dated 12th November 1942 forwarding a copy of the Residency letter No.F.115-42/W dated 24th October 1942 on the above subject, I have the honour to forward herewith a nil statement in triplicate, showing the particulars of Civilian War Dead in the Kadur District, for the quarter ending 31st December 1942, as contemplated in para 6 of the Residency letter xdxxxtxdxx cited abive, for kind perusal.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

For Deputy Commissioner,
Kadur District.

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STATEMENT SHOWING THE PARTICULARS OF CIVILIAN WAR DEAD
IN THE KADUR DISTRICT FOR THE QUARTER
Ending With 31st December 1942.

(Vide para 6 of the Residency letter No.F.115-42/W dated 24th October 1942 to the Chief Secretary to Government of Mysore, Bangalore).

N i l. upto 31-12-1942.

SKG)4

For Deputy Commissioner,
Kadur District.

STATEMENT SHOWING THE PARTICULARS OF CIVILIAN WAR DEAD
In THE KADUR DISTRICT FOR THE QUARTER
Ending With 31st December 1942.

(Vide para 6 of the Residency letter No.F.115-42/M dated 24th October 1942 to the Chief Secretary to Government of Mysore, Bangalore).

N i l. upto 31-12-1942.

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For Deputy Commissioner,
Kadur District.

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Date of issue... 5th January 1943

Signed by... Mr. S. K. V.

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Serial No. 5

No. Pol 136[illegible]/1

To The Secy to the Hon'ble the Resident

Records of Civilian War Dead
Imperial War Graves Commissi

Sir,

With reference to Para 6 of your letter No F. 115-42 P dated 24th Octr. 42 on the above subject, I am directed to forward herewith a nil return for the Quarter ending 31st Dec. 42.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
for Chief Secretary to Govt

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT,

Ref/361/41 Bangalore, 5th January 1943.

From

The Chief Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

To

The Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore.

Sir,

Records of Civilian War Dead - Imperial War Graves Commission

With reference to para 6 of your letter No.F.115-42 dated 24th October 1942 on the above subject, I am directed to forward herewith a nil return for the Quarter ending 31st December 1942.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant

for Chief Secretary to Governtt.

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